

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absence</u>
	Scott Hill	Alan Ruden
	Kevin Jeffries	Larry Yoder
	Kellie Menke	Remy Drabkin

Also present were City Manager Martha Meeker, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Police Captain Dennis Marks, Oregon College Savings Network Outreach Director John Valley, and members of the news media, Don Iler of the *News Register* and Dave Adams of KLYC Radio.

AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Olson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Olson asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the evening's agenda. No audience comments were heard.

1 PROCLAMATION - Tree City USA: Mayor Olson read the Arbor Week proclamation into the record. City Manager Meeker stated that the Arbor Day Foundation had sent several commemorative items to memorialize the event - including a Tree City USA hat and a new Tree City flag.

2 NEW BUSINESS

2 a PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION: BE COLLEGE READY PROGRAM: Mayor Olson welcomed Oregon College Savings Network Outreach Director John Valley. Mayor Olson read the Be College Ready Month proclamation into the record.

Mr. Valley thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation, support, and the opportunity to present before the City Council. He talked about the Be College Ready program and how important it is to start saving for a college education when the recipient is a young age. He advised that they are now partnering specifically with elementary schools in Hermiston, Grants Pass, Seaside, North Clackamas, and McMinnville. He explained that funds saved through the Be College Ready program can be spent for

tuition, room and board, books, and anything the institution requires that its students have. He noted that sometimes a computer or other pieces of technology are required.

Following a brief question and answer period, Mayor Olson and each of the Councilors thanked Mr. Valley for his informative presentation.

3 ADVICE / INFORMATION ITEMS

3 a and b COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Each Councilor and Department Head present gave a brief report.

4 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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